

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 18 are presently pending in the application and were indicated as being allowed in item 5 of the above-identified Office Action, which Applicant gratefully acknowledges.

In item 2 of the Office Action, Figs. 3 and 4 were objected to as failing to include the legend indicating that they were "prior art". The Examiner's suggested corrections have been made. Such amendments are supported by the originally filed Figs. 3 and 4, which were labeled as "PRIOR ART". Such amendments are additionally supported by the originally filed specification of the instant application, for example, on page 10 of the originally filed application, lines 10 - 15, which describe Fig. 3 as a schematic diagram of the structure of a "known" ROM memory cell, and Fig. 4 as a circuit diagram of the structure of a conventional ROM memory cell array "according to the prior art". As such, substitute sheets including the amended Figs. 3 and 4, bearing the "PRIOR ART" legend, are being included herewith. Further, annotated pages, showing the changes made to Figs. 3 and 4, are additionally being included herewith.

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Additionally, in item 3 of the above-identified Office Action, the reissue was objected oath/declaration filed with the application was alleged to be defective as allegedly failing to identify each inventor by full name, and country of citizenship and including the inventor's residence and mailing address. Resultantly, in item 4 of the Office Action, claims 1 - 18 were rejected as allegedly being based on a defective reissue oath. Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the reissue oath, and the rejection of claims 1 - 18 on that basis.

More particularly, as discussed with Examiner Nguyen by telephone, the sole inventor of the instant application is **Holger Sedlak**. Mr. Sedlak's full name, residence, Post Office address and country of citizenship were clearly provided on page 2 of the reissue oath/declaration filed in connection with the present application. More particularly, the United States Patent and Trademark Office Public Pair database shows the Reissue Application Declaration being received on February 14, 2001. Page 2 of that Reissue Application Declaration, as shown in Public PAIR includes the following information:

Patentee Holger Sedlak	Citizenship German
Residence/Post Office Address Residence: München, Germany Post Office Address: Balmstrasse 63, D-81541 München, Germany	

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As such, page 2 of the originally filed reissue oath/declaration in the instant case, as recorded in Public PAIR, clearly recited that the "Patentee" (i.e., the sole inventor of the instant invention) was "Holger Sedlak", that his citizenship was "German" and that he resided in München Germany, having a Post Office Address of "Balanstrasse 63, D-81541, München, Germany". As such, Applicant believes that the originally filed reissue oath/declaration met the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, and, thus, was not defective as alleged in item 2 of the Office Action.

As such, Applicant believes that a supplemental reissue oath/declaration, as requested in item 6 of the Office Action, is **unnecessary**. Further, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the originally filed reissue oath/declaration be withdrawn, and that claims 1 - 18 be permitted to issue in a reissue patent.

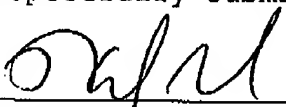
In view of the foregoing, and item 5 of the Office Action, it is accordingly believed claims 1 - 18 are patentable over the art. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 - 18 are solicited.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

Substitute sheets including the amended Figs. 3 and 4, bearing the "PRIOR ART" legend under the figure numbers, are being included herewith. Further, annotated pages, showing the changes made to Figs. 3 and 4, are additionally being included herewith.

Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Sheets
Two (2) Annotated Sheets Showing Changes